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Reverend Martin Luther King

c/o Ebenezer Baptist Church

407 Auburn Ave., N.E.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Reverend King:

William Michelson, Executive Vice-President of District 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, has informed us that you and Mrs. King have accepted our invitation to visit Israel as the guests of Histadrut and will arrive in Israel on July 22 for an eight day visit. We are delighted with this good news.

Aharon Becker, Secretary-General of Histadrut, has asked me to express to you his pleasure at your coming and to assure you that arrangements will be made for you and Mrs. King to visit all sectors of Israel and to meet Israelis of all walks of life and trends of opinion.

You are well known to the people of Israel. The movement you so ably lead is very dear to us.

Respectfully yours,

Ben-Zion Ilan

American Representative